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People with disabilities in war situations: Ignored and forgotten?

PROGRAM

09.00-10.15	Opening session
09.00-09.10	Setting the scene: Film 2 minutes Opening remarks, Inga Bostad, Director of Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
09.10-09.15	Being a refugee with a disability, a personal story Zahra Maow
09.15-09.25	Introductory remarks State Secretary Bård Glad Pedersen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
09.25-09.35	Welcome by Arnt Holte, Chairperson in Atlas Alliance and Olaf Thommessen, Secretary General in Plan Norway
09.35-10.55	Protection of the rights of disabled refugees Carol El-Sayed, Head of the Community Development Unit, UNHCR Lebanon
09.55-10.15	Disability inclusion in the Red Cross movement Sven Mollekleiv, President of the Norwegian Red Cross
10.15-10.30	Coffee break
10.30-11.45	Session 1: Introduction to the protection of rights of persons with disabilities in conflicts - legal framework and situation on the ground Moderator: Inga Bostad, Director of NCHR
10.30-10.50	A legal perspective on the protection of rights of disabled persons in times of conflicts Gentian Zyberi, Associate Professor, NCHR, UiO
10.50.-11.10	Hidden Refugees of the Syrian Crisis: an attempt to approach and understand vulnerability, disability and their consequences in a displacement situation in a more comprehensive and dynamic fashion, in the context of Syrian crisis Thomas Calvot, consultant on behalf of Handicap International
11.10-11.25	Meeting with disabled refugees in Iraq and Jordan Freelance journalists Torgrim Halvari and Sina Jahanbaksh
11.25-11.45	Questions and comments
11.45-12.45	Lunch



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PROGRAM after lunch

- 12:45 **Session 2:**
Rights for people with disabilities in practice
Moderator: Arnt Holte, Chair person, Atlas Alliance
- 12.45-12.55 **A personal story of enthusiasm and commitment**
Kissinger Deng
- 12.55-13.10 **Policy and practice of disability inclusion in the NRC**
Eric Demers, Head of Core Competencies Section, Field Operations Department,
Norwegian Refugee Council
- 13.10-13.25 **Disability-inclusive shelter and settlements in emergencies**
Corinne Treherne, Shelter Focal Point, International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- 13.25-13.35 Questions and comments
- 13.35-13.45 **Coffee break**
- 13.45 **Panel discussion**
“Politics for practical solutions”
Moderated by Ann-Marit Sæbønes
- 13.45-14.45
 - MP Sylvi Graham, The Conservative party of Norway (Høyre)
 - MP Anniken Huitfeldt, The Norwegian Labour Party (Arbeiderpartiet)
 - Carol El Sayed, Community Services Officer, UNHCR Lebanon
 - Eric Demers, Head of Core Competencies Section, NRC
 - Arnt Holte, Chair of Atlas Alliance Board and President of the World Blind UnionQuestions, discussion, comments
- 14.45-15.00 Concluding remarks and way forward.